Bath Salts

INTRODUCTION / OVERVIEW

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) is providing the following situational awareness brief addressing new psychoactive substances that are being marketed as “bath salts.” These “bath salts” are among the latest in a series of currently legal synthetic substances that, when used improperly,

Suspected as being produced as legal substitutes for ecstasy, cocaine, and amphetamines, “bath salts” are powerful stimulant drugs that are suspected to have been designed to avoid legal prosecution, and are commonly available on the Internet, specialty “smoke” shops, and convenience stores

“Bath salts” can be comprised of different unregulated chemical substances and are being sold under a variety of names or brands. Both the law enforcement community and medical professionals indicate that “bath salts” are becoming increasingly popular due to the perception that they pose a seemingly safer alternative to illegal

STREET NAMES

The following is a sample of designer “bath salt” products associated with unregulated psychoactive substances that are potentially harmful:

- Sextacy
- Purple Wave
- Vanilla Sky
- Groom
- Charge+
- Pure Ivory
- Purple Rain
- Ocean Burst
- Ivory Wave
- Whack
- Hurricane Charlie
- Crush
- Bolivian Bath
- Fly
- White Rush

TOXICITY & SIDE EFFECTS

"Bath salt" products are known to produce certain side effects, some of which are quite severe. The following is the list of milder, short-term side effects associated with consumption of this drug as reported by medical personnel:

- Agitation
- Diminished requirement for sleep
- Increased alertness and awareness
- Lack of appetite
- Nosebleeds
- Fits and delusions

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"More serious side effects associated with these drugs reportedly include:

- Muscle spasms
- Blood circulation problems, including increased blood pressure
- Kidney failure
- Seizures
- Risk of renal failure
- Hallucinations
- Aggression
- Severe paranoia
- Panic attacks
- Sharp increase in body temperature

BATH SALTS ACTIVE INGREDIENT: METHYLENEDIOXYPYROVALERONE (MDPV)

- Sold as bath salts – not for human consumption.
- Are sometimes consumed or injected.
- Stimulant - increased alertness, awareness, and wakefulness, euphoria, anxiety, agitation, and perception of a diminished requirement for food and sleep, tachycardia, hypertension
- Instructions warn about using too much and combining with alcohol

THE FLORIDA CONNECTION

On January 26, 2011, Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi deemed “bath salts” to be a significant threat to health and public safety within the State of Florida. By delegation of authority granted under Chapter 893.035(7)(a), Florida Statute, Attorney General Bondi placed these chemicals found in “bath salts” as emergency Schedule I drugs in which the purchase, possession, sale, and/or distribution can result in a felony arrest.